

A delightful trip can be made to Colorado or California on the electric-lighted

St. Louis-Colorado Limited

Running over the dustless,
perfect track of the

Wabash and Union Pacific

The Shortest and Safest Route

Electric block signals. Equipment and
service the best that money can buy.

For literature, information,
rates, etc., call on or address

ED SWIFT, D. P. A.
Wabash R. Co.
Carew Bldg.
Cincinnati, Ohio

S. C. Milbourne, G. A.
Union Pacific R. Co.
830 Chestnut St.
Philadelphia, Pa.

(148)

News of Manchester

Manchester Bureau, Times-Dispatch, 1103 Hull Street.
Beth H. Ellis, twenty-eight years old, of 502 Porter Street, this city, and flagman of the Southern Railway, was killed yesterday at 5:15 P. M. at Jetersville, about forty-two miles from Manchester. Ellis left yesterday on an extra train, which was sent to do work at Jetersville. From information gained from a dispatcher and other sources last night it was learned that Ellis was on top of one of the cars when he was either thrown or fell. His body, his body falling beneath the moving wheels and being cut in two. His remains were expected here last night on the 9:25 o'clock train, but they did not arrive. From the latest intelligence the body will reach this city this morning on No. 12 at 7 o'clock. Ellis had been in the service of the Southern for eight years, and was well known and liked here.

R. P. Ellington, engineer on the Southern, spoke highly of Ellis last night, saying he had known him personally for years. Ellis was a member of the Order of Trainmen of this city. He is survived by a wife and two children, both boys—Floyd and Herbert. The funeral will be held at 10 o'clock tomorrow at the home of the deceased, 502 Porter Street, and will take place to-day.

Tells of Wreck.
Engineer Ellington in speaking of Ellis last night made a few remarks in regard to the wreck at Jetersville. He said he had worked on that section of the road for some time, and was well acquainted with the scene of the accident. He particularized that the cause of the wreck was due to the heavy locomotive derailing the rail, and that every excessive car increased the damage to such an extent that when the end ones reached the spot they were thrown head-on to the engine. Ellis was positive in the belief that the rail was without impairment previous to the accident.

Death of Mr. Burrows.
Mrs. Otella T. Burrows, of Twenty-second and Bainbridge Street, Swansboro, fifty-nine years of age, wife of the late George H. Burrows, died last night at 10:30 o'clock at her home after an illness of six weeks. She is survived by nine children, eight sons and one daughter—C. E. G. H. Burrows, Jr., J. J. H. M. Clarence, G. H. W. W. T. C. Burrows, and Mrs. W. C. Underwood.

The funeral will take place to-day from Clifton Street Church. The interment will be made in Mount Pleasant.

Funeral of Clarence Wallen.
The funeral of Clarence W. Wallen took place yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock from the home on Bainbridge Street, Swansboro. The interment was made in Riverview Cemetery, Richmond. Mr. Wallen was twenty-six years of age and a contractor in business with his father.

May-Coles.
A marriage on the eve of the holidays will be solemnized Wednesday at 7:30 o'clock when Mrs. Coles will be married to C. D. May, of 103 Maury Street, this city. W. H. Whitlock will act as best man. The ceremony will be performed at Stockton Street Baptist Church, the pastor, Rev. W. H. Halsey, officiating. A reception will follow the ceremony.

Engagement Announced.
Announcement is made by Mr. and Mrs. Olin Fiske Wiley of the engagement of their

daughter, Mary Richmond, to James Henry Patterson, Jr., son of Mrs. James Henry Patterson, of Forest Hill. The date set for the celebration is January 19.

Stahl-Smith.
Miss Alma Elizabeth Stahl, of Oak Grove, Chesterfield county, was married last Saturday night in Asbury Methodist Church to Martin George Stahl, of Mechanicsburg, Pa. Rev. W. G. Burch performing the ceremony. Miss Carrie Crase attended the bride, while Joseph Stahl acted as best man. The couple will reside in Oak Grove.

Travel Talk.
Mrs. James W. Durham, wife of Rev. James W. Durham, pastor of Bainbridge Street Church, Manchester, gave a travel talk on Munich at the Woman's Club yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. Mrs. Durham was a member of the club and knows every side of German life, which she depicts with much charm. She appeared yesterday in Hawaiian costume.

School Holiday.
The schools here will suspend operations Thursday. On Thursday evening the Literary Society of the Manchester High School will hold a meeting in the assembly hall. A program, composed of music and compositions, has been arranged, and a debate will be held.

Personal Mention.
N. P. Bullard, of 711 Decatur Street, who is just recovering from typhoid fever, left last night for Gainesville, Fla., where he will recuperate at the home of his brother, W. N. Bullard, who accompanied him to Florida.

Mrs. E. P. Nunnally, of 711 Decatur Street, is slowly recovering from her burns.

Police Answer Flashlight Signal and Break Up Fight.
By means of the electric signal alarm at Seventh and Broad Streets the police were enabled last night to break up a fight on North Ninth Street, where Lucy Maunier and William Valentine were engaged in a bout. They were still at it when three police officers arrived. Both were arrested and locked up in the Second Street Jail.

Colored Preacher Bailed.
"Rev. S. W. Tucker, colored, arrested Sunday morning and charged with attempting to break in the residence of J. D. Sneed, on the Osborne Turnpike, was yesterday bailed in the sum of \$500 by American Dudley, to colored. The case will be tried Thursday morning.

CANAL FROM PARIS TO SEA IS PLANNED

Company Wants No Subsidy, but
Believes Enterprise
Will Pay.

PARIS, December 20.—A scheme has taken serious shape in Paris to connect the French capital with the English Channel by means of a canal in conjunction with the Seine.

The possibilities of Paris as a seaport have long been evident, but until now engineers have found an insurmountable obstacle in the refusal of the Parisian authorities to sanction an undertaking detrimental to the appearance of the city, as the passage of large cargo vessels up the river undoubtedly would be. The present enterprise, however, differs from precedent in that it proposes to erect quays and the other unightly buildings associated with docks on the plain between St. Denis and Clichy, several miles from the Louvre.

The benefit to labor and commercial life in general would be great, but Paris's gains in this direction would be her near neighbor, Rouen's, loss. Hitherto the old cathedral town has been the final barrier to shipping on the Seine.

With Havre's decline as a shipping centre, the Norman capital has borne the brunt of France's mercantile trade in the north, and has proved capable of coping with the demand made upon it.

Antwerp is the real thorn in London's side just now, but the promoters of the Paris scheme claim that in a very short time the gay city would outstrip all rival ports.

The canal which it is proposed to construct will be about 110 miles long and thirty-six yards wide. Something like fifty miles would be saved by cutting the zig-zag course of the Seine. The undertaking would entail three years' work, and an outlay of \$35,000,000. But the company is convinced that the project would be profitable, and it demands no state subsidy or other guarantee.

Should the canal come into being, it would be in accordance with a striking prophecy of Napoleon, who once said: "Paris, Rouen and Havre are all the same town. The Seine is the Grand Rue."

SEARCH FOR GRANDDAUGHTER.

Rich Kentucky Woman Seeks Child Said Never to Have Been Born.

LEXINGTON, Ky., December 20.—Following a lapse of ten years since the death of her daughter, Mrs. Estelle Chesnut Clay, who died in the Post-Graduate Hospital in Chicago on June 22, 1898, Mrs. Lavinia Cunningham, a wealthy woman of Louisville, has renewed the search for a granddaughter, which she asserts was born to Mrs. Clay a day or two before her death. She has instructed an attorney of Chicago to institute proceedings in an effort to locate the missing child.

Mrs. Clay was the wife of Brutus J. Clay, one of the wealthiest farmers and horsemen in Kentucky. Although he is charged by Mrs. Cunningham with having spirited the child away, he has always denied that a child was born to Mrs. Clay. Similar search was made by Mrs. Cunningham several years ago, and at that time it was said by the Chicago detectives who worked on the case that the records of the hospital contained no account of the birth of the child.

Mrs. Cunningham declares the child was given away following the death of its mother, in order to keep from it its rightful inheritance, a fortune. Brutus J. Clay is a cousin of the United States minister to Switzerland, who bears the same name.

Charleston Telephone Company Sold.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHARLESTON, W. Va., December 20.—The sale of the Charleston Home Telephone Company to Cyrus Huling for Columbus, O., parties is confirmed by the local officers of the company. The price is believed to be about \$150,000. The local company has \$80,000 preferred and \$75,000 common stock, and \$55,000 bonds. There is an expected agreement that the Bell shall not get control.

Has Finger Amputated.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
DANVILLE, Va., December 20.—N. A. Fitzgerald lost a finger while at work this afternoon at the plant of the Danville Lumber and Manufacturing Company. He was engaged in putting in a foundation, and told the negro assisting him to stop hammering just a minute, but the negro evidently failed to hear him and brought the hammer down on his finger, mashing it terribly. A doctor was hastily summoned and found the finger so badly mangled as to render amputation necessary.



Leather Novelties for Holiday Gifts

Card Cases, Cigarette Cases, Cigar Cases, Bill Folds, Letter Cases, Tie Cases, Collar and Cuff Pouches and Boxes, Brushes in Leather Cases, Prescription Pad Cases, Medicine Cases, Hand Bags, Automobile Bags, Traveling Bags and Dressing Cases.

Had you thought of a trunk for a Christmas present? See our line.

The Rountree Store,

703 East Broad Street,

"The Gift Store Ahead."

HER GLORIES OVER, BARONESS DEPARTS

She Leaves Belgium, Where She Held Sway
Over King Leopold—Always Mystery
to the People.

BRUSSELS, December 20.—Baroness Vaughan, whom Leopold made his Queen in fact, if not in name, quietly left Belgium for France to-day, her reign ended, her power collapsed, according to the hint of the government that if she did not depart voluntarily she would be expelled from the country.

The baroness packed up those magnificent furnishings of her chateau which were the personal gifts of King Leopold and forwarded them across the frontier.

To the Belgians this young woman was always a great mystery, but they accepted her like they have the other whims of the determined and self-willed King. They have thought for years of her residence beside the King's of the famous floral bridge linking the two domains. They have discussed with unconcern her absolute dominion over the King's private life.

Yet, now with the King dead, they have been driven to deep resentment that as the King's body was borne through the streets and was lying in state at the palace, her photograph was exhibited and sold in the Brussels thoroughfares and her name shouted out by hawkers as "Caroline, the Queen."

In spite of dispatches from Italy and other countries asserting that King Leopold and Baroness Vaughan had been married according to the rites of the church, the King's personal friends persist in their disbelief of this, while they characterize the stories of a civil union as pure nonsense. They say that Leopold, whatever his faults in private life, would never destroy the official dignity of the kingdom.

Prince Albert's happy plan to reunite the exiled and separated family was fulfilled to-day. As Baroness Vaughan passed out from Belgium forever, Princess Louise triumphantly entered the city and was officially greeted at the station and acclaimed by the people.

She was conducted with royal honors to the Chateau de Belvedere, which henceforth will be her official home. Again to-day a vast crowd viewed the body of the late King. Many of the people who came in from the provinces were incensed that the gates were closed at 3 o'clock, and they tried to force an entrance. In the panic, people were trodden on, garments were torn and women fainted. Quite a number were injured. Finally the palace was reopened, and the visitors were allowed to file past the catafalque.

Arrangements for the funeral and the swearing in of the new sovereign are proceeding rapidly.

AERO AFFAIRS IN COURT TANGLE

Action Brought to Compel Herring to Surrender Patents.

HAMMONDSFORD, N. Y., December 20.—The affairs of the Herring-Curtiss Aeroplane Company, which have been threatening trouble for some time, are in a tangle. After Saturday's meeting of the board of directors action was brought in the State Supreme Court to compel Vice-President Augustus M. Herring to turn over his patents and

features which it was expected he would utilize in the machine he was to deliver to the United States Army. Herring never delivered the aeroplane to the government. After numerous postponements the army officials declined to deal with Mr. Herring any further.

The Herring patents were expected to play an important part in the defense of the suit recently brought by the Wrights against Herring and Curtiss. But from the accounts of the directors' meeting it seems that the patents have never been turned over to the Herring-Curtiss company by Mr. Herring. The stock which was issued to him was payment for those patents, and the demand made for the patents through the courts was the first move in the game to bring Mr. Herring to account.

After Mr. Herring was served with a notice of the action brought in the State Supreme Court it is said he hurried away in an automobile. Vaned airplanes, motorcycles, automobiles and various kinds of motor-driven vehicles. It was understood that Glenn H. Curtiss contributed his factory and aeronautical knowledge to the combination while Herring was reported to have contributed various patents already obtained, and others which were pending, covering aeroplanes.

These aeroplane patents included

other property to the company, and an injunction was obtained to restrain him from disposing of any stock he holds.

This development in the progress of the Herring-Curtiss Company is not wholly unexpected. It has been an open secret in aeronautical circles that Herring and Curtiss have not been on the best of terms since Curtiss left for Rheims, where he won the world's aeroplane championship.

It is anticipated that there will be interesting developments when the entire episode is aired in the courts.

Mr. Curtiss said that the action brought by the company against Mr. Herring did not affect the financial standing of the concern.

MAY SUE OIL TRUST FOR BIG DAMAGES

Independents Will Ask for \$250,000,000 if Decision Is Upheld.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., December 20.—Five or six hundred suits against the Standard Oil Company, involving claims for damages of \$250,000,000 or more, will surely be filed if the Circuit Court decision ordering the dissolution of the big monopoly is upheld, was the statement made to-day to a World correspondent by Thomas L. Hiseen, president of the Independent Petroleum Marketers' Association of the United States, and also president of the Four Brothers Independent Oil Company, the most aggressive competitor of the Standard Oil Company in the East.

"We are preparing cases on the assumption that the highest court will sustain the Circuit Court decision," continued Mr. Hiseen.

Mr. Hiseen said the actions would be brought under section 7 of the Sherman anti-trust law, under which the Standard Oil Company stands convicted, which provides that the injured party may collect three-fold the damages sustained.

"It's a little more than an eye for an eye or a tooth for a tooth, you see," exclaimed Mr. Hiseen. Specifically the Standard Oil Company will be charged with depressing the price of crude oil in certain parts of the country, notably in Oklahoma.

"I look to see independent dealers throughout the country follow along the path which the government has blazed for them, and where they have been victims of discrimination or unfairness bring suits for damages," said Mr. Hiseen.

The action of the government is a vindication of the courts of the United States and an answer to the charge that through corruption decisions could be so shaped as to secure ultimate pro-

tection against judicial interference. The most important local oil war of the year will begin in Boston to-morrow, when Mr. Hiseen's company will enter the wholesale field in that city. If the independents can wrest the Boston trade from the Standard, the Rockefeller monopoly will be second in importance in the New England oil trade.

Wanderer Reads in Paper That Brother Left \$250,000.

BOSTON, December 20.—James Francis Corbett, admittedly broker of William T. Corbett, the junk dealer who died leaving \$250,000, has appeared here as from the grave. So the contest over the junk dealer's will takes a new turn. Judge George, of the Probate Court, has put it over until January 31.

James F. Corbett, sixty-two years old, read in a New York newspaper in Newark, N. J., that his brother was dead, but there was nothing about William J. Corbett's fortune. James made his way to Windsor Locks, Conn., last Wednesday and was given lodging in the lockup. He asked for a bundle of newspapers for a pillow and got an armful. Next morning he read in one that William left a fortune estimated at \$250,000.

At police headquarters here James F. Corbett had a rather heated discussion with Albert and Frederick Barlow, who claim to be James' brothers, and Jesse C. Ivy, their lawyer. Said Mr. Ivy to Corbett:

"We don't deny that James F. Corbett was your mother. Get any lawyer you please, but I am going to stand for the integrity of your mother whether you do or not. I am going to see that these boys (meaning the Barlows) get their share. You are entitled to one-third and they to one-third each. Now get a good supper and keep out of the way of these reporters."

"I don't care anything about the money," said old Corbett to the newspaper men. "I'd rather see William alive than have all his money."

Corbett left Boston thirty-one years ago. He says he has wandered all over this country, Europe and England. He has been in Boston five or six times, the last time ten years ago.

The "missing heir" is being cared for by John R. McVey, one of the special administrators of William T. Corbett's estate. Mr. McVey says he is interested only in carrying out the orders the Probate Court will give.

REDUCTION IN FARES ON NORFOLK AND WESTERN RAILWAY, ACROSS CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

Round trip tickets, good for return passage until January 6th, 1910, will be sold at greatly reduced rates on December 31, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 and January 1st, to all points on the Norfolk and Western Railway and to all principal points south of the Ohio and east of the Mississippi Rivers. To Norfolk and return, \$3.50. To Lynchburg and return, \$5.00. For further information as to rates, tickets, etc., apply to J. F. Knowles, City Passenger Agent, 338 East Main Street, or to E. L. Trant, ticket agent, Byrd Street Station.

C. H. BOSLEY,
District Passenger Agent.

New Bell Telephone directory goes to press soon. There are more than 11,000 telephones in use in Richmond. If you are not a subscriber call the manager to-day and contract for service.

NEW YORK. WASHINGTON. PARIS.

All Gift Goods Specially Boxed
Julius Garfinkle & Co.
F Street, Corner Thirteenth

We never keep open after 6 P. M.
Help us to inaugurate the early closing movement by shopping between 8 A. M. and 6 P. M.

Special Sale of Gift Goods

Our first floor is teeming with Gift Goods that bear the stamp of Quality. Even our lowest-priced articles are of the very best manufacture.

Suits

Furs

New Lines of
DRESSES WITH COATS TO MATCH.
Strictly Decollete Dresses for evening wear. Dresses for afternoon and reception wear.
Neglige Tea Gowns and Dressing Sequences.
Five Italian Silk Vests.
Silk Petticoats.
Make ideal gifts.

Fur Garments make the most acceptable gifts. We carry the best. As fur buying is really a matter of confidence between buyer and seller.
FUR COATS.
Genuine Seal, Russian Marmot, French Seal, Russian Fox, Hudson Seal, Caracul, Etc.
FUR PIECES AND MUFFS.
Pointed Fox, Lynx, Squirrel, Mink, Chinchilla, Sable, Etc.

COMPLETE LINES

Hosiery, Underwear, Handkerchiefs, Belts, Gloves, Waists, Umbrellas, Novelties.

Goods will be sent on approval to persons known to will make themselves known by satisfactory references. We pay expressage both ways.

Silk Stockings Make Splendid Gifts